# **EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS**

KYLIE FLANNERY

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kylie Flannery for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kylie Flannery is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kylie Flannery is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kylie Flannery for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 17, 2019 during roll call no. 42, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 30. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 43, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.J. Res. 28. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

HIGHLIGHTING ONE OF UTAH'S OUTSTANDING WOMEN LEADERS

## HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, Utah Valley University is my state's largest public university, with an enrollment of nearly 40-thousand students. Yesterday, UVU inaugurated its first woman president—Astrid S. Tuminez.

UVU is calling this week "The Week of Dreams" and certainly, President Tuminez is an example for all women seeking to achieve their dreams

She was raised in the slums of the Philippines, went to college at age 15 as a premed student at the University of the Philippines. She later immigrated to the U.S. to join family, was accepted at Brigham Young

University, eventually graduated from Harvard University and received her doctorate at MIT.

She has held leadership positions in corporations and universities throughout the world. As she considered the UVU offer, she said she thought there was "no better place than a university where I could bring the totality of my interests, passions, skills, competencies and life experiences."

Her presidency is historic for another reason: Half of Utah's public colleges are now led by women.

President Tuminez is the latest example of how women are shaping our future—one ground-breaking position at a time.

DANIELLE FLEMING

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Danielle Fleming for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Danielle Fleming is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Danielle Fleming is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Danielle Fleming for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

REMEMBERING HERBERT FRANCIS COLLINS

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Herbert Francis Collins, a giant in the affordable housing industry and champion for a cause that would become his enduring professional legacy. Herb passed away at the age of 89 on March 30, 2019, in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Born on March 17, 1930, Herb was raised in Medford, Massachusetts in a single-parent household with his mother and three siblings. He worked numerous jobs to help support his family, but still excelled in school. He played football and ran track at Medford High School, earning a track and field athletic scholarship to

Harvard University, where he graduated in 1955. While living in Cambridge, Herb met Sheila Sellew, the love of his life and future wife of 57 years. Following graduation, Herb served in the Marine Corps, and then returned to Massachusetts with his young family to settle in Sheila's hometown of Gloucester.

Early on, Herb held a variety of sales and marketing positions in the defense and electronics industry. At age 44, Herb entered into a new industry co-founding Boston Capital, Inc. in 1974. From the humble beginnings of a one-room operation, Herb and his partner Jack Manning built Boston Capital into one of the nation's top real estate firms focused on providing affordable housing.

Herb strongly believed access to safe and affordable housing would provide benefits far beyond simply providing shelter, including facilitating employment opportunities and greater economic mobility for low-income residents. In 1986, Herb was a tireless advocate in passing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program—he also championed making it permanent in 1993.

Above all, Herb was most proud of and derived the greatest joy from his family. He was a steadfast source of support for his children and grandchildren, and instilled in them the value of hard work, kindness, and humility.

Herb was and will forever be an inspiration to his family, colleagues, and the countless number of families that, through Herb's vision and leadership, live in quality affordable housing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 16, 2019 during roll call no. 37, on Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 268, McGovern of Massachusetts Part B Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF 160TH ANNI-VERSARY OF THE HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THOSE THAT HAVE FALLEN IN SERVICE

#### HON. TED BUDD

of north carolina IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the High Point Police Department, which has honorably served the Guilford County community for 160 years. Additionally, I would like to share the stories of five High Point police officers that died in the line of service, protecting their community. These

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor. Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor. men and women were heroes and it is my honor to recognize their service.

Officer James Witcher passed away on September 13, 1913 while responding to a disturbance call at a moving picture show in High Point. Officer Witcher, and others, attempted to arrest a subject for fighting. During the arrest a crowd gathered, and a shot was fired. Officer Witcher was shot in the abdomen and died two days later.

Officers Carey James Reaves and Fred Claywell were both shot during a raid on a liquor house on June 9, 1925. Officer Reaves died the following day. Officer Claywell died nine days later.

Captain Allen Jerome Morris arrested a subject for being drunk and disorderly on the afternoon of September 16, 1928. While escorting him toward the jail, the subject attempted to escape. During the scuffle, Captain Morris was kicked in the stomach and died within minutes of the blow.

Master Officer Shelia Twyman was on a routine patrol on December 20, 2001, when a tractor trailer ran a red light and struck her patrol car at the intersection of South Centennial Street and East Russell Avenue. She was severely injured and died three days later.

These individuals all died while protecting the citizens of High Point and I think it is critical that we remember those that paid the ultimate sacrifice. They will never be forgotten, and their legacy lives on.

Additionally, I would like to recognize High Point Chief of Police Kenneth Shultz and all the officers that have served with the department over the past 160 years. I have nothing but the utmost respect for the work they do each day.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring these five officers and the 160th anniversary of the High Point Police Department.

CHRISTOPHER GARCIA-SANDOVAL

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

 ${\tt OF~COLORADO}$ 

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christopher Garcia-Sandoval for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Christopher Garcia-Sandoval is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christopher Garcia-Sandoval is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Christopher Garcia-Sandoval for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI WINNERS OF C-SPAN'S 2019 STUDENTCAM COMPETITION

#### HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of two groups of Miami high school students who were among the winners of C-SPAN's 2019 StudentCam documentary filmmaking competition. The StudentCam competition tasked middle and high schoolers with creating a documentary that addressed the question "What Does it Mean to Be American?" Dahlia Harris, Neena Deosaran, and Ceci Richardson, students at South Miami Middle School, won third prize for their documentary What is Your Limit, which addressed the issue of gun violence. The Immigrant Dream, by Bianca Vucetich, Javier Pujols, and Aimet Ruiz of iPrep Academy in Miami earned an honorable mention.

What is Your Limit centers on its title's question: what is our limit before we act to counter the epidemic of gun violence in our country? They focus on the young students whose lives are torn apart by school shootings, who fear for their safety sitting in classrooms. These young directors have more insight into what needs to be done to stop gun violence than many adults. This documentary holds us all to account for what we need to do if we do not want America to be defined by our gun violence.

The Immigrant Dream is both a stunning indictment of the anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies in the United States in recent years as well as a celebration of all that immigrants have brought to our country. Watching their work celebrate the diversity of the United States, I am filled with pride in remembrance of my own grandparents' journey to this country from Lebanon. These young directors remind us there is more that unites us than divides us.

Dahlia Harris, Neena Deosaran, Ceci Richardson, Bianca Vucetich, Javier Pujols, and Aimet Ruiz exemplify the incredible talent, intellect of South Florida. I am pleased to celebrate their achievements as documentarians and look forward to seeing all achieve in the future

PROUD TO RETURN THE BALANGIGA BELLS TO PHILIPPINES

## HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, late last year, an historic event took place in the relations between our country and the Republic of the Philippines. In December of 2018, the United States returned the historic "Bells of Balangiga" to the Church of San Lorenzo de Martir on the Island of Samar. The three Bells had been brought to the U.S. following the Philippine-American War over a century ago. The return of the Bells by the Department of Defense became a moment of national jubilation for the Philippines.

The history of the Bells began on a Saturday morning in September 1901 when a company of American soldiers were caught in a surprise attack by Philippine revolutionaries and the U.S. Army unit was nearly decimated. Some reports indicate that one of the bells was thought to be used as a signal in the attack. U.S. forces launched a counter-attack in response, killed many of the people of the town, destroyed the church with the bells and took all three as war trophies. The three bells were then shipped to America by the U.S. Army, despite orders that Church property was not subject to retention after the end of hostilities. For over a century they remained unlocated until twenty years ago when Philippine President Fidel Ramos, a West Point graduate and American compatriot in the Korean and Vietnam wars, asked for the return of two bells from a U.S. Air Force base in Wyoming, a base that a century ago was an Army cavalry post. Since then, every Philippine president has asked for repatriation and over the years, the "Bells of Balangiga" have become national historic icons; sacred artifacts of a nation whose historical patrimony was largely destroyed in World War II.

Despite disagreement in the U.S. about the return of the Bells, three retired U.S. Navy officers, later referred to as the "three sailors" believed that it was the right thing to do and set out to advocate for their return. They knew well the bond of friendship forged between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines in World War II and strengthened ever since. Thus, the three Naval officers began a journey of discovery and learning spanning Wyoming, Army and Air Force record centers, a private library in Arizona, and the battle site in Balangiga to fully realize the story of the historic bells.

The "three sailors" discovered that the two bells in Wyoming were not used as signals for the attack and were the property of the Catholic Church and sacred icons of the Philippines. They also discovered that our possession of them stood in stark contrast to other church bells previously returned by the U.S. to Russia, Japan, and Germany. Most importantly, they concluded that returning captured bells to their rightful nations and church parishioners have only strengthened the bonds between those nations and reflect the highest standards of military honor.

For twenty years legislation existed that prevented removal of the Balangiga Bells from the United States. Last year I was honored to advance and advocate legislation that amended the law to permit the Secretary of Defense to approve return of the Bells and on the 14th of November in 2018, former Secretary of Defense James Mattis announced that the Bells were going home. On the 15th of December, the President of the Philippines, with leaders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the United States in attendance, expressed gratitude to the American people as the Bells rang once again in the coastal town of Balangiga. As we commit to the work of this new Pacific Century, let us reaffirm our long partnership with the Republic of the Philippines, now made stronger by the return of the Bells of Balangiga, a noble act that will ensure that a century long Philippine-American friendship will endure and echo in eternity.

I am also pleased to share another story of the Bells less known, that includes a heroic young man from Nebraska, Private Adolph Gamlin. Adolph was the principal sentry on duty the tragic morning of battle that became known as the "Massacre of Balangiga". The record reflects that Gamlin fought bravely that day and acquitted himself with honor. His courage and skill in battle helped survivors to escape the onslaught and prevented the complete decimation of his unit

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Adolph Gamlin was a 20-year-old farm boy when he enlisted in 1898 with the 51st lowa Volunteer Infantry and was sent off to the Philippines. He later joined other Spanish American War volunteers by re-enlisting in the Regular Army's 9th Infantry in 1900. Back to the Philippines in November, he caught up with Company C in January of 1901 when they were still in China and returned to Manila with his unit in June. He mustered out of the Army in 1903 at Fort Niagara in New York as Sergeant Gamlin and returned to Nebraska, married, had three children before his wife's untimely death. Adolph remarried and today his daughter, E. Jean Wall from that marriage, carries on his memory. Over the years she has accumulated the single most complete library on Balangiga and its military history. Included are many letters left to her by her father. He was her hero, and now he is mine

Adolph Gamlin died in 1969 at age 92. Today he is at rest at the historic Wyuka Cemetery in Nebraska City. The diligent research of the "three sailors" found there were many heroes of the battle, valiant men never fully recognized. Gamlin was one of them. Today I am honored to capture this story to ensure it is never forgotten and available in our nation's archives so others may know their story for generations to come.

ALEXIS GAVALDON

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexis Gavaldon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Alexis Gavaldon is a student at Jefferson Jr/ Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexis Gavaldon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alexis Gavaldon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

# HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Wednesday,\ April\ 3,\ 2019$ 

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on March 14, 2019 during

roll call no. 125, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Con. Res. 24, Expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

HONORING MAYOR JOHN COIRO

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April~3, 2019

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the many outstanding achievements of Mayor John Coiro. With this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I recognize the many contributions he has made to the people of the Ninth Congressional District.

John Coiro is a native of Totowa, New Jersey. He was born to Ralph and Rose Coiro, who settled in the borough following their emigration from Italy. John presently resides in Totowa with his wife, Marygrace, and their children, Alyssa and Matthew.

In his youth, John attended Passaic Valley High School, where he excelled in his studies. Following high school, John chose to continue his education at Seton Hall University. His hard work earned him a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting and the Magna Cum Laude status upon his graduation in 1981. Nine years later, he received his Master's Degree in Taxation from Seton Hall. John continues to work with Seton Hall as an advisor for their Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

In 1985, John was first elected to the Totowa Board of Education. This was a pivotal moment for John as this would start his dedication to public service. Two short years later John was elected to the Borough Council at just 28 years old. This position afforded him the opportunity to put his degrees to use and concentrate on the finances of the municipality. John was elected as Mayor of Totowa in 1999. He is currently serving his sixth term, the second longest tenure in the town's history. Throughout his 20 years as Mayor, John has set big milestones in his community, most notably by swearing in the borough's first female police officer.

In 2012, he was inducted into the League of Municipalities Mayors Hall of Fame and serves as a member of the Legislative Committee for the League of Municipalities.

John continues to serve New Jersey as a certified public accountant. He is currently employed as an executive tax director with the international accounting firm Ernst & Young located in Iselin, NJ, where he has worked for 38 years. John has served as president of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSPA), an organization with 15,000 members. In 2013, John was honored by the NJSCPA and placed on their 50 over 50 list of CPA's for his ongoing contributions to the CPA profession and the community.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated individuals like Mr. John Coiro.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mayor Coiro's family and friends, and the residents of the State of New Jersey in

recognizing his outstanding character and service to his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BAYLISS BOATWORKS

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bayliss Boatworks of Wanchese, North Carolina, a team who every day applies their experience and unique craftsmen touch in creating the perfect vessels for their clientele.

Bayliss Boatworks was established in 2002. The team was able to draw up a number of contracts to begin their brand-new shop to create their exquisite boats used for fishing, travel and entertainment. Each boat is custom made to fit the needs and preferences of each client. These boats begin as a jig until it surpasses benchmarks like the "Whiskey Plank," hull rollover, and engine install. From there, the boats will have their cabins installed, flybridge and mezzanine build-out, interior cabinetry construction, paint, sea trial, and lastly, delivery to the client. The hard work of the employees can be seen on the water around the world. Since its establishment in 2002, Bayliss Boatworks have received mentions in magazines such as Marlin, being classified among the top builders in the world. It is a prestigious honor to be considered among the world's best boat craftsmen.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Bayliss Boatworks as they celebrate 17 years in operation. May God bless the hardworking employees of Bayliss Boatworks, and I look forward to seeing their excellence for many years into the future.

#### DAVID GAVALDON

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Gavaldon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

David Gavaldon is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by David Gavaldon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will quide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to David Gavaldon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JANE GRIM

### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who was recently honored with the 38th Annual Bucks County Women's History Month Award.

Jane Grim, a resident of East Rockhill Township, has distinguished herself as a leader in our community. She was originally nominated for this distinction by the League of Women Voters of Bucks County, an organization she joined in 1970 to promote civic awareness and good citizenship.

Jane's record of service is truly impressive. She has the unique distinction of being named the first female trustee of Grand View Hospital, has served as a member and chair of the Pennridge Youth Aid Panel, and has worked as a docent at the James A. Michener Art Museum.

I cannot think of a worthier choice for the Bucks County Women's History Month Award than Jane Grim. I wish Jane and her family all of the best, and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.

RECOGNIZING JOHN NAVARRA

## HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, First Sergeant John Navarra, who is retiring as the leader of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

John N. Navarra is a retired U.S. Army First Sergeant with 22 years of service to our country. During this time, he served in multiple locations including the United States and Germany and primarily worked in the administration and logistics fields.

Coupled with his service, John has demonstrated a life-long commitment to education by earning an Associate's degree in Business and Computer Science, a bachelor degree in Interpersonal and Group Communications, a Master's degree in Education with Concentrations in Teaching and Evaluation and a MBA in Leadership.

However, it is not just his own education that John has been committed to. John has served as the JROTC Army Instructor at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School for 12 years, beginning in 2007. In this role, John educated, provided guidance, and mentored the students in the JROTC program In doing so, he instilled in them the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor and thank Mr. John Navarra for his service to his country and his community. I congratulate John on his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEON ARTHUR BELLOT, JR.

#### HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Leon Arthur Bellot, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the age of 67. Mr. Bellot was born and raised in Dixie County, Florida and has held a multitude of roles in Dixie County throughout his lifetime—each of them with the main purpose of serving others.

His love for education and investing in children was one of the many passions that Mr. Bellot dedicated his life to. A graduate of Dixie County High School, Mr. Bellot would return to this same school to not only teach, but also to hold the title of Assistant Principal and Dean of Students.

He protected the citizens of Dixie County through his service as a volunteer fireman, Assistant Fire Chief for the Cross City Fire Department, and through his role with Dixie County Emergency Services. He would even go on to become the first Emergency Services Director for Dixie County in 1975. Mr. Bellot served in the capacity of Emergency Services Director for 24 years before also becoming the first County Administrator for Dixie County.

Throughout his career and community involvement, there was always one aspect of Mr. Bellot's life that would remain constant—his love and commitment to the Lord God our Savior. Mr. Bellot was a member of the Faith Baptist Church where he dedicated his time to the church as a Deacon.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of a courageous educator, protector, and leader who will be missed by many, Mr. Leon Arthur Bellot.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH A. GIBSON

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life and legacy of a great man, a visionary leader, and

a trailblazer-Kenneth A. Gibson.

In 1970, voters in Newark, New Jersey, elected Mr. Gibson as our city's first Black mayor. He went on to serve four terms as mayor. Mayor Gibson passed away on March 19 at the age of 86. Mayor Gibson walked into Newark City Hall during a tumultuous time in the city's history. He was steadfast in fighting to ensure that, in his words, "wherever American cities are going, Newark is going to get there first." Mayor Gibson brought home federal funds to help improve public housing. He made improvements to public health services, which led to reductions in infant mortality and tuberculosis. And Mayor Gibson helped start a revitalization of downtown Newark that continues today.

Mayor Gibson's words, vision, and legacy will live on through the work of those who came after him. The modern development of Newark, New Jersey, cannot be separated

from the legacy of Kenneth A. Gibson. It was his life and legacy that paved the way for transforming Newark.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Newark, New Jersey's first Black Mayor, the Honorable Kenneth A. Gibson.

BE THE LIGHT FOOD PANTRY FOR U.S. COAST GUARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS

## HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Wednesday,\ April\ 3,\ 2019$ 

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the generosity and public service of the organizers of the Be The Light Food Pantry.

More than 500 active duty members of the Coast Guard and their families live and work in NW Oregon, and their mission is critical to our nation's safety. The Coast Guard protects our borders and our national security. They save lives every day, ensuring the safety of our fishing fleet and the many others who rely on the Columbia River and the ocean for their livelihood.

Because of the longest-ever government shutdown this winter, the dedicated members of the U.S. Coast Guard missed two consecutive paychecks. This was the first time in modern history that a branch of the armed forces went without pay. It is unconscionable that people who are protecting our country should be forced to work without getting their paychecks.

Over the course of the 35-day-long shutdown, I heard from many U.S. Coast Guard members and spouses who were furious, demoralized, and very stressed about their personal finances.

Michelle discovered that her 16-year-old was skipping meals because he was worried there wouldn't be enough food for his younger siblings.

Amanda had to explain to her five kids why the family needed food assistance, even though their dad was working hard every day to serve our country.

Robin, a proud Coast Guard mom with three sons and one daughter-in-law in the Coast Guard, told me that one of her sons lost an apartment because he couldn't afford to put down a deposit

Our national security depends on having service members who are focused on the job at hand, and the mission could be compromised if Coast Guard members are worried about how they're going to keep a roof over their heads or put food on the table. The effects on future recruitment and our standing in the world are also deeply concerning.

In the midst of this calamity, an inspiring effort came together—the Be The Light Food Pantry for Coast Guard members and all federal employees affected by the shutdown. U.S. Coast Guard spouses Stacey Benson, Michelle Somers, and Amanda Gibbs generously led the effort, giving countless hours of their time. Community members, local Boy Scout Troop 211, the Masonic Temple of Astoria, the Moms Club of Astoria, the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Association, and many private businesses contributed thousands of pounds of food and hundreds of

hours of volunteer time to make the pantry a success.

In its first weekend, the food pantry served 503 families. That's 503 families who could have faced hunger because of the harmful and unnecessary shutdown. It is inspiring to see how the community came together to support our Coast Guard members and their families.

EMMALEE GONZALES

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emmalee Gonzales for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Emmalee Gonzales is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emmalee Gonzales is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will quide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emmalee Gonzales for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND PATIENT SAFETY ACT

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act. As the opioid crisis continues to devastate our communities, this legislation would help to address the opioid crisis by ensuring that medical providers have access to the full medical history of patients suffering from substance use disorders.

Currently, because of an antiquated law from 1972, substance use treatment records are kept expressly separate from a patient's medical record. This life-threatening barrier prevents medical providers who treat patients in recovery for substance use disorders from knowing their full medical history, which can lead to poor, and in some cases, tragic patient outcomes.

The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act would align the outdated and restrictive law, known as 42 CFR Part 2 (or "Part 2"), with the patient privacy protections currently in place under HIPAA, ensuring substance use records are treated as all other medical records. The legislation also incorporates language to guard against unauthorized invasions of patient privacy, discriminatory activities, and authorizes penalties and breach notification re-

quirements for these transgressions not currently available under Part 2.

As our health care delivery system moves towards more robust, integrated care models, every member of a patient's treatment team needs to understand a patient's full medical history, including substance use disorder history. Current Part 2 regulations stand as a hindrance to whole-person care and must be changed to ensure all patients, regardless of diagnosis, have access to safe, effective, high-quality treatment and care.

If substance use disorder treatment is not included in your entire medical records, then they are not complete. It makes care coordination more difficult and can lead to devastating outcomes. This bill works to remove the stigma that comes with substance use disorders and ensures necessary information is available for safe, efficient, and transparent treatment for all patients. I urge all of my colleagues to join me to pass the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act.

COMMEMORATING 50TH ANNIVER-SARY OF CASE CONSTRUCTION SKID STEER

## HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of the skid steer loader.

On April 3, 1969, CASE Construction Equipment began manufacturing its skid steer loaders for the first time in Burlington, Iowa.

In 1974, CASE moved its skid steer manufacturing operations to Wichita, Kansas.

In 1999, CASE and New Holland merged to form CNH Industrial, but the skid steer manufacturing operation remained in Wichita.

Today, the Wichita site employs nearly 500 people who research, design and manufacture the skid steer loaders for use all around our country and throughout the world.

From agriculture to construction, the skid steer has become an iconic fixture in many industries and is another example of how products grown and manufactured in south-central Kansas impact our world.

I am hopeful that through free and fair trade policies, companies like CNH Industrial can continue to grow and thrive in my district of Kansas and throughout the country.

On this 50th anniversary, I congratulate all of the hard-working men and women of CNH Industrial in Wichita on this milestone and wish them many more decades of success and growth.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NATIONAL COMMANDER WILLIAM M. DETWEILER

## HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of William M. "Bill" Detweiler, a strong advocate for veterans who was a former national commander of the

American Legion. He passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the age of 79.

Mr. Detweiler, a native of New Orleans, grew up near the St. Roch Playground. He graduated from St. Aloysius High School and earned undergraduate and law degrees at Lovola University.

Mr. Detweiler served in the Army. After graduating from its Infantry and Intelligence schools, he was operations officer on the G-2 Staff of the U.S. Air Defense Command at Fort Bliss, Texas. After his discharge from active duty in 1965, Mr. Detweiler returned to New Orleans, where he served in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of captain.

Upon his return to civil life, Mr. Detweiler started practicing law. In 1978, he was elected constable of New Orleans' First City Court, a position to which he was re-elected twice and from which he stepped down at the end of 1996.

In 1973, United States President Richard Nixon appointed Mr. Detweiler to the Veterans Administration's National Rehabilitation and Education Advisory Committee; he was named its chairman in 1975. He also served on military advisory boards for the governor, the Louisiana Senate and New Orleans' mayor.

In 1995, United States President Bill Clinton invited Mr. Detweiler to fly with him on Air Force One to Russia to represent America's veterans at the 50th annual commemoration of the Allies' victory in World War II.

Mr. Detweiler received the Andrew J. Higgins Award for Exceptional Leadership from the Mayor's Military Affairs Committee of Greater New Orleans in 1998.

After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005, Mr. Detweiler was a guiding force in getting the New Orleans VA Medical Center rebuilt, serving on the advisory committee for the project's design team. He was at both the new facility's groundbreaking and grand opening and is credited with crafting the words now engraved in stone at the front entrance of the medical center: "THE PRICE OF FREEDOM CAN BE SEEN WITHIN THESE WALLS."

In 2010, Mr. Detweiler was appointed to lead the American Legion's committee assigned to investigate the existing science and procedures for treating traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

In 2013, Mayor Mitch Landrieu appointed Mr. Detweiler to the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Building Corp. He was elected its president in 2017, which was the year when the organization assumed the responsibilities of the Canal Street Development Corp.

Mr. Detweiler also was instrumental in bringing what is now the National World War II Museum to the city of New Orleans. He served as a member of the executive leadership team for the museum until his death.

In December 2018, Mr. Detweiler was presented the French National Order of Merit by Consulate General of France Vincent Sciama. He was honored for his work at the museum, including helping launch the annual World War II Conference at the museum in 2007 when it re-opened after Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Detweiler loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mr. Detweiler, but surely, we can try to match his

sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Detweiler, in addition to his wife, survivors include two sons Scott Reed Detweiler and Keith Michael Detweiler; two daughters, Bonnie Detweiler Shor and Jeannie Detweiler Miller; and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of National Commander William M. Detweiler.

#### BLAKE HAGAN

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Blake Hagan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Blake Hagan is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Blake Hagan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will quide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Blake Hagan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

# IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN BAYLISS

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Bayliss of Bayliss Boatworks from Wanchese, North Carolina. John is the leader of a team who every day applies their experience and unique craftsmen touch in creating perfectly crafted vessels for their unique clientele.

Bayliss Boatworks was established in 2002. With a fishing background, self-motivated John, and his team built the company from the ground up. John and friends were able to draw up a number of contacts from the sportfishing community to begin their brandnew shop to create their exquisite boats used for fishing, travel and entertainment. John turned his passion into a profession. Since the establishment of the company, Bayliss Boatworks has risen to become one of the premier boat craftsmen in the world. I am fortunate to have known John for many years and be witness to the dedication he has for his family, colleagues, and Bayliss Boatworks.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of John Bayliss as he and Bayliss Boatworks celebrate 17 years in operation. May God bless John and the operations of the Bayliss Boatworks, and I look forward to seeing their excellence for many years into the future.

HONORING GERARDO OLIVERO

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Gerardo Olivero to the people of the State of New Jersey. His numerous achievements through hard work and dedication inspire generations, old and young. To this day, he motivates his community to achieve their own American Dream.

Of humble beginnings, Gerardo Olivero was born in Avellino, Italy, the youngest of 11 children. The Olivero family moved to Tripoli, Libya in 1939 and worked tirelessly on the land given to them, however, this peaceful life did not last. In 1943, the Olivero family was forced to evacuate Italian Libya due to World War II. They left their new home behind, sought shelter in a refugee camp in Sicily, Italy, and returned back to their hometown of Avellino.

In 1952, Gerardo's father, Constantino, immigrated to the United States and three years later, the rest of the family made the same journey. The seven-day voyage from Naples to Manhattan not only reunited Gerardo with his father, but also opened a world of new opportunities. Making a home in Paterson, New Jersey, Gerardo attended Central High School, where he diligently studied English.

Gerardo worked many jobs to help support himself and his family. His first and most pivotal job was in a coat factory; at the beginning of his career he learned the fundamentals of persistence and gratitude that would make him a role model for his community. While visiting Italy in 1967 for the first time since leaving, Gerardo met and later married Dina Della Salla on October 22 of that year. The two returned to the United States and settled down in Paterson. In 1973 Gerardo became a businessman in his own right, opening a coat factory, which stayed in business for 28 years until his retirement in 2001. This was one of Gerardo's greatest achievements, second to that of raising his family with his loving wife.

In 1955, Gerardo began an active membership in the Roma Club, formed numerous lifelong friendships, became Vice President in 1972, and went on to serve as President from 1982 to 2014. With the Roma Club being a second family to him, Gerardo still frequents the club and keeps his Italian heritage alive as a participating member, whilst residing in his Pompton Plains home of 43 years and enjoying being a proud father and grandfather.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated individuals like Mr. Gerardo Olivero.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Gerardo Olivero's family and friends, and the residents of the State of New Jersey in recognizing his outstanding character and service to his community.

EZEKIEL HATFIELD

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ezekiel Hatfield for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ezekiel Hatfield is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ezekiel Hatfield is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will quide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ezekiel Hatfield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to delayed flights on April 1, 2019, I was in transit and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 137.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF HECTOR RODRIGUEZ OF POMONA

#### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Deputy Chief Hector Rodriguez of the Pomona Police Department. After almost 30 years of dedicated public service to the people and communities of the City of Pomona, Deputy Chief Rodriguez is finally retiring and will be sorely missed.

Before officially working for the department, Rodriguez formed part of the Pomona Police Explorer program in 1982. His remarkable career with Pomona Police Department began on January 2, 1990 as a Patrol Officer. Four years later, Rodriguez was promoted to the rank of Police Investigator to the Gang Unit and the Homicide Unit. Then, in 2005, he was promoted to Sergeant.

During his time in law enforcement, Rodriguez joined the Neighborhood Enforcement Team and LA Impact Task Force. These teams focused on quality of life issues. LA Impact specifically focused on uniting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County to investigate major crimes and the dismantling of major drug trafficking organizations. Additionally, Rodriguez served on the Pomona Police Department's SWAT Team for 18 years.

In recognition of his excellent service, Rodriguez was promoted to Lieutenant as he returned to the Investigative Services Division. Then, he was Captain for the Operations Division. Two years later, Rodriguez became the Deputy Police Chief, which he served as for the rest of his distinguished career.

His admirable character and confident approach left an indelible mark at the Pomona Police Department. His dedication to the profession, the community, the Department and the City of Pomona is highly commendable and has earned him the esteem of the men and women of the Pomona Police Department.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Deputy Chief Hector Rodriguez. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of Pomona are worthy of commending and admiration.

#### SAMUEL HERNANDEZ

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samuel Hernandez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Samuel Hernandez is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samuel Hernandez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Samuel Hernandez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COACH BOB HALLBERG

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

In the house of representatives  $We dnesday, \ April \ 3, \ 2019$ 

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bob Hallberg and recognize his tremendous impact on our community, most recently as the Women's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director at St. Xavier University in Chicago. Coach Hallberg's dedication to his athletes and his love for the sport is nothing short of extraordinary. Despite starting his career over 50 years ago, Coach Hallberg still considers his retirement to be an early one. His commitment to his profession and his players throughout his distinguished tenure stands as an example to all educators striving to make a positive impact on the student-athletes they mentor.

After playing basketball throughout his studies at Leo High School and later the Chicago

Teachers College (Chicago State), Coach Bob Hallberg began his career coaching boys' basketball just down the street from my childhood home at Chicago's Kennedy High School in 1966. From there he went on to coach Men's Basketball at St. Xavier University, Chicago State University, and the University of Illinois, Chicago. In 2000 he came back to St. Xavier to become the university's first—and so far only—Women's Basketball coach. In addition, Coach Hallberg spent many years as St. Xavier's Athletic Director.

Coach Hallberg has been honored with induction into multiple Halls of Fame, including St. Xavier, Leo High School, the University of Illinois-Chicago, the Chicago Catholic League, the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA), and Chicago State University. Meanwhile, his former players remember him for his endless encouragement and someone who would stop at nothing to mold a player into the best version of themselves.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Bob Hallberg. It is not often you come across a person who so encompasses inspiration, sportsmanship, and professionalism. I congratulate Coach Hallberg on his distinguished accomplishments, thank him for his service, and wish him and his wife Linda nothing but good health and happiness.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ENDEAVORS

#### HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. HURD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50-year anniversary of Endeavors. Since its start in 1969 as Urban Ministries, Endeavors has provided comprehensive and effective support services for children, families, and our nation's veterans.

As an organization, Endeavors aims to empower people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities through services like career training, crisis intervention, homelessness prevention, childcare, emergency case management and employment assistance for individuals with disabilities. The organization provides critical support to over 16,000 people each year and makes a positive difference in communities across the country.

On behalf of the Twenty-third Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Endeavors on their 50th anniversary.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 2, 2019 during roll call no. 140, on ordering the previous question for H. Res. 274, consideration of S.J. Res. 7 and H. Res. 271. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 141, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 274, consideration of S.J. Res. 7 and H. Res. 271, and suspension

authority. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 142, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 540. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 143, on approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND SAMSON "SKIP" ALEXANDER

## HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Reverend Samson "Skip" Alexander, a New Orleans pastor and civil rights leader who befriended and worked alongside Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., photographed Dr. King's life and career and was present during some of the Civil Rights Era's pivotal moments. He passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the age of 88.

Rev. Alexander graduated from Gilbert Academy and Booker T. Washington High School in New Orleans. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree at Clinton University and a doctorate in theology at A.P. Clay Theological College. Rev. Alexander became an active minister in the 1970s and he preached at churches throughout the city. He was associate minister at Christian Unity Baptist Church. In 1957, Rev. Alexander attended the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in New Orleans. At a meeting at the New Zion Baptist Church in Central City, Dr. King was elected president of the group, which would go on to become one of the most important organizations in the civil rights movement.

Rev. Alexander marched with Dr. King during many of the marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, seeking voting rights for African-Americans. During the marches in 1965, Rev. Alexander suffered a bump to the back of his head from a state trooper's baton.

Rev. Alexander's friendship with Dr. King and his interest in photography led him to capture the civil rights icon's life and career on film. He also captured an iconic photo of King's widow, Coretta Scott King, sitting in the front row of her husband's 1968 memorial service, holding their daughter Bernice on her lap.

In addition to his work with civil rights causes, Rev. Alexander was also a labor organizer and led striking workers in Memphis and New York. Also, he was involved in many 1960s New Orleans sit-ins and demonstrations seeking to integrate Canal Street lunch counters and department stores and efforts to desegregate the U.S. Custom House on Canal Street. As an Air Force veteran, he led the effort to desegregate an Air Force base near Denver, Colorado.

Balancing his time with the civil rights movement, Rev. Alexander continued preaching well into his 80s. He also hosted a radio show on WBOK and was involved in politics as a member of the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

Rev. Alexander loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be

a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Rev. Alexander, but surely, we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Rev. Alexander's survivors include a son, Jerome Alexander; three daughters, Gloria Irvin, Joanne and Jacqueline Alexander; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Reverend Samson "Skip" Alexander. 10 a.m.

#### KRISTIAN KRAMER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kristian Kramer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kristian Kramer is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kristian Kramer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kristian Kramer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest-designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## APRIL 9

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Gordon Hartogensis, of Con-

necticut, to be Director of the Pension 3 p.m. Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years, and other pending nominations.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Re-

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Forest Service.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy To hold hearings to examine ARIA in action, focusing on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine migration at the United States Southern border. focusing on perspectives from the frontline.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine recent developments in Hungary, focusing on issues related to the rule of law and corruption.

LHOB-1539

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine drug pricing in America, focusing on a prescription for change, part III.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for military construction and family housing.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Oper-

ations, and Related Programs To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of State

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold closed hearings to examine United State Special Operations Command's efforts to transform the force for future security challenges and implement the National Defense Strategv.

SVC-217

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of De-

Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

#### APRIL 10

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on child nutrition reauthorization.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce. Justice. Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Guard and Reserve.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine broadband mapping, focusing on challenges and solutions.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on strengthening accountability to protect students and taxpavers.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the 2019 tax filing season and the 21st century Internal Revenue Service.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold closed hearings to examine defense industrial base cybersecurity policv.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety

To hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on Federal oversight and stakeholder perspectives.

SD-56

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine building out Indian country, focusing on tools for community development.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine free speech, focusing on technological censorship and the public discourse.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's international trade programs.

SR-428A

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine VA MIS-SION Act, focusing on implementing the Veterans Community Care Program.

SR-418

3 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office.

SD-124

#### APRIL 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine opportunities for energy innovation and other potential solutions to help address global climate change.

SD-366